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<p>(54) Title: A HUMAN VANILLOID RECEPTOR-LIKE CATION CHANNEL</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>hVRCC polypeptides and polynucleotides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques are disclosed. Also disclosed are methods for utilizing hVRCC polypeptides and polynucleotides in the design of protocols for the treatment of acute and chronic inflammation, acute and chronic pain, brain diseases, abnormal proliferation and cancer, ulcer, autoimmune diseases, control of viscera innervated by the dorsal root ganglia neurons (for instance control of bladder function or dysfunction), to mimic or antagonize effect of endogenous neurotransmitters and hormones, to inhibit graft rejection by promoting immunosuppression, among others and diagnostic assays for such conditions.</p>			
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### Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Remark: Although claim 16  
is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal  
body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged  
effects of the compound/composition.

2.  Claims Nos.: 18, 20 in part. 14, 15  
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Claims Nos.: 18,20, in part:14,15

Claims 14,15,18,20 relate to agonists or antagonists without giving a true technical characterization. In consequence, the scope of said claims is ambiguous and vague, and their subject-matter is not sufficiently disclosed and supported (Art. 5 and 6, PCT).

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